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1. On 28 September 1951, trucks [redacted] were observed hauling barracks furniture from the Schwerin (H 54/T 46) railroad station. 50X1-HUM On the same day, an artillery unit, including 15 boxcarloads of troops, [redacted] 12 artillery pieces of about 120-mm. and 16 trucks. [redacted]

[redacted] was detrained. It is believed that the unit was quartered in the Moltke Kaserne, which was occupied to 50 percent capacity by an estimated 600 men. Trucks observed at the Moltke Kaserne [redacted]

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2. On 27 September, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied to capacity by 800 to 1,000 men. Sentries observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Fifteen trucks [redacted] with troops, and towing eight 76.2-mm model ZIS-3 guns were observed leaving the barracks 50X1-HUM installation. This unit was later seen at the Grosser Dresch training grounds engaged in exercises. A short time after the convoy of 15 trucks had left the barracks installation, four platoons with a total of 150 50X1-HUM troops, armed with carbines and carrying field targets, left. Trucks [redacted] were seen proceeding to the barracks installation. [redacted]

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3. On 27 September, the Fritsch Kaserne quartered 200 to 300 troops. The majority of the unit is still away from the military post. Sentries seen at the installation wore black epaulets with signal insignia. In the morning, radio and telephone units [redacted] were repeatedly observed leaving the barracks installation. Only a little training activity was observed in the barracks yard. Trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM were seen proceeding to the barracks installation.

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4. On 25 September, the Krueger Kaserne quartered about 600 soldiers. Sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 150 troops were seen drilling in squads in the barracks yard, while 4 T-34/85 tanks and 1 SP gun were seen engaged in driving practice on the Grosser Dresch training field opposite the barracks installation.

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5. On 25 September, the "Wolf Hitler Kaserne quartered about 1,200 troops. Sentries observed there wore black-bordered red epaulets. The troops were observed training in the barracks yard and at the training grounds near Berliner Chaussee. About 300 troops, armed with carbines and carrying trenching tools and gas masks, and trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] towing 15-mm AT guns, were seen coming from [redacted] this training grounds. Trucks [redacted] were seen proceeding to the barracks installation. **

6. On 26 September, a patrol wearing red-bordered black epaulets but no insignia was seen near Goerries airfield. On this day [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] four 100-mm AT guns and groups of 12 men training with 50X1-HUM each gun. Three caterpillar tractors were standing near the AT guns. [redacted] the AT unit arrived in Schwerin with 12 50X1-HUM artillery pieces about 22 September, but the engineer unit stationed there has not yet returned. There was no change in the status of the radio installations reported previously. Trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] were observed. ** The former DAF (German 50X1-HUM Labor Front) building on Hagenauerstrasse was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Sedans [redacted] 50X1-HUM were seen there. **

* [redacted] Comment. Motor vehicles observed hauling the barracks furniture and carrying the artillery unit belonged to the 94th Cds Vtz Rifle Div. 50X1-HUM This indicates that units of the 115th How Arty Regt of the 94th Cds Vtz Rifle Div, which is believed to be stationed in the Moltke Kaserne and/or the Krueger Kaserne, were detrained. [redacted] The motor 50X1-HUM vehicles observed proceeding to the barracks installation belong to the 50X1-HUM same division.

** Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] about 19 September 1951, units from Schwerin, Hagenow and Wismar left, probably to hold exercises in the Buchholz Forest area. [redacted] 50X1-HUM The present report indicates that these units returned to their posts prior to 25 September. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] it is possible that these exercises were held in the vicinity of the military posts and that they were only of short duration. This assumption would make it plausible that these units left their military posts and returned unobserved [redacted] 50X1-HUM *** Comment. An artillery unit, believed to be equipped with 10.2-mm 50X1-HUM guns, has been observed at Goerries airfield. [redacted] It 50X1-HUM is therefore possible that the AT guns observed there belong to an AT unit which has recently been transferred to the field. The motor vehicles mentioned in paragraph 6 of the present report belong to a hitherto unknown supplementary series, to a headquarters unit of the Third Shock Army and to the 94th Cds Vtz Rifle Div.

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